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Welcome to our Leadership & Trustee Teams update, where we seek to keep you informed on relevant matters concerning governing issues across our three locations of Eastside, South City and St Martins C3 Church.

Leadership Team Update

Purchase of Fingerprints Christian Preschool

A significant ministry of our church is our South City Christian Centre Education Trust (SCCET) which owns and runs Hillview Christian School. This trust has now also purchased Fingerprints Christian Preschool, which is adjacent to Hillview in St Martins. We have always had a close relationship with the owners of Fingerprints as their vision is aligned with ours and many Fingerprints families end up coming to Hillview. Owning Fingerprints also gives us the opportunity to reach more families in the St Martins area, as well as provide a healthy income stream for future ministry that the SCCET will do. The handover date for this will be November 8, 2021.



Normally we discuss significant purchases like this with church members before making them, however, this was not possible in this situation due to the owners of Fingerprints asking us to maintain strict confidentiality until an agreement had been reached. This purchase will be funded by the sale of a non-strategic residential property owned by the Church with funds loaned to the SCCET generating increased income beyond the level of rents currently paid. Therefore, there is no added cost to the church in the purchase of Fingerprints. At this stage we have only purchased the Fingerprints business and we are leasing the building; however, we have the first right of purchase of the building and intend to do this as funds allow in the future.

Pilgrim Place Options

As previously mentioned in these updates we have had offers to purchase land that we own in Pilgrim Place, which also serves as the South City C3 Church car park. At the members meeting where this opportunity was discussed, it became clear that a strategic plan for both the South City C3 Church site on Colombo Street as well as the Pilgrim Place site needs to be developed. The Leadership Team and Trustees have asked the South City C3 congregation to pray into their vision for both sites. Once that feedback has been received, the Leadership Team and Trustees will propose the next steps regarding both sites.

Ako Tahi Early Learning Centre at Eastside

COVID lockdowns have delayed some of the work needed in developing the Early Learning Centre at Eastside, but we are now back on track and finishing up the final details over the next few weeks. We were hoping to open before the end of this year, but this may now need to be pushed out into the start of next year.

Governance Restructure Discussion

We have collated and considered all the feedback that we sought on how best to structure the governance of C3 Christchurch for the future and are very close to releasing a revised draft plan. After feedback and necessary adjustments to that draft plan are made, proposed wording changes to our current constitution will be sent out for members to consider. A member's vote will be sought on those proposed constitutional changes in 2022.

We are aware that we normally would have had Trustee elections by now, but have chosen to delay these, given that we are in the middle of a restructuring process which may effect the number of Trustees we have in the future.

Annual General Meeting

We have needed to delay our AGM this year due to COVID and holdups with our auditing requirements. We are scheduling our AGM for **Sunday, November 7, at 12:30pm at South City C3**. A reminder email will be sent out with any further information a week prior to the AGM.

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